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- (2) The aid that the fifth column could give in the Western States is by no means insignificant. Their effectiveness however would be continuously decreasing both as a result of the gradually bettering economic conditions and the measures which the various governments would adopt as a defense against illegal fifth column activities.

b. Unfavorable:

- (1) The Soviet Union does not have the atom bomb; and
- (2) The Soviet economy has not yet recovered from the effects of the war. Its industry has a potential four to five times inferior to that of the United States.

3. On the whole, according to the analysis, the time factor is in favor of the West which, in two or three years will have made up the deficiency in land armaments. The USSR, aware of this, could now attempt a recourse to arms but it is doubtful that it desires to make this decision without atomic arms and in the previously noted conditions of its economy, particularly its industry. However, it is to be expected that, as they have done in the past, the USSR will adopt retaliatory measures which could be the following:

- a. To sponsor a military alliance similar to the Atlantic Pact, which would absorb the bilateral pacts currently in effect between the USSR and her Satellites;
- b. Agitation action by the Communist Parties of the Western countries. This action, however, would not reach the point of an armed revolt, as such latter action would lead the Western governments to outlaw the Communist Parties, thus prematurely depriving the USSR of the aid of these fifth columns in case of conflict;
- c. To occupy Finnish bases by means of a loose interpretation of Act 122 of the Soviet-Finnish Pact;
- d. To foment anti-Tito guerrilla activity, particularly to support the establishment of a Macedonian state. It is probably for this reason that Markos who asserted the intangibility of the Greek frontiers, was liquidated;
- e. To initiate guerrilla activity in Iran;
- f. To stiffen her stand on the Austrian question thereby causing a failure of negotiations for a peace treaty in order to avoid an evacuation of that area, Hungary, and Rumania;

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- g. To strengthen the German police and relax, in various ways, their attitude toward the Germans;
- h. To intensify action in China and Southeast Asia; and
- i. To denounce the political treaties concluded during the war with Great Britain and France.

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